

ST. MARY'S VISITATION

Catholic Parish † Elm Grove, WI

January 17, 2020

Dear parents and teens,

We are excited to offer a great Catholic teaching experience for your teen this summer! St. Mary's Visitation Parish, along with other parishes in the diocese, are calling for 5th- 12th grade students to become Milwaukee missionaries this summer, July 13-17, 2020. Please read more from the coordinators of this experience. Blessings! Elizabeth Harrison

July 8, 2020

You have just one more week until our *virtual work camp starts on July 13th* so it's time to start thinking of what you are going to do for your service.

Come and bring your friends. Register ahead of time [at this link](#)

We recommend that you look at our suggested service opportunities or create your own service opportunity and make at least a rough schedule for yourself. If you don't start planning, you will have a harder time finding service to do last minute.

Parents, please ask your teens what service they will be doing to make sure that you approve. You might even want to help them make phone calls or send emails. You might even want to serve with them and make it a wonderful service partnership.

We have many opportunities for you on [this list](#). These are organizations or parishioners whom we have helped in the past who would probably love to hear from you. The ones with *'s by them specifically told us that they would like help so reach out to them soon.

If you reach out to someone on the list and they say they don't need anything or cannot allow you to serve, please let us know so we can take them off the list for others.

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We do ask that you follow all safety protocols put in place by the organizations if you volunteer there. If you choose to serve at a parishioner's home, please be sure to follow these safety procedures:

- Stay 6 feet away from the resident and any people also serving at that location (outside of your family) for your and their safety
- Only serve outdoors. Do not enter their home.
- Let them know that you are coming without chaperones because this is not being set up by our church. Ask them if they need you to bring a parent for supervision. If they want you to bring a parent and your parent is not available, then you cannot serve at their home.

Each day will begin at 9:00am with a wake up Zoom call with Ben Wagner and us. We will also do a Zoom wrap up each day that will start at 3:00pm. Try to plan your service times around this schedule so you can join us each morning and afternoon. That does not mean that you cannot serve before 9 or after 3 but if you can pause your service for those times and join us, that would be great. If your service runs into those times one day that keeps you from joining us, that's okay, just let us know what you did on the Zoom the next day. If you cannot join us everyday, then join us for as many as you can.

One parent asked me this week if their child could serve with others if the parents organize it. Parents, this is your call. If your child is hanging out with friends on a regular basis and they want to serve with those friends, you can make that decision on their behalf. No child/teen should be making these plans on their own. Parents must be involved in making those decisions. St. Mary's Visitation, Good Shepherd and St. James are not involved in that decision.

Chaperones and parents, you are still welcome to join us for this service week and the scheduled Zooms if your schedule allows.

We will send out another email on Friday, July 10th, that will have the Zoom details in it so please watch for it.

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In the meantime, please let us know if you have any questions. We are looking forward to serving with you this year even if we have to do our service in different locations from one another.

If you are not planning on participating in this service week and don't want to receive these emails, please let Corinna know by replying to this email so you can be taken off the list.

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' -Matthew 25

Blessings,

Bryan and Corinna Ramsey, Elizabeth Harrison